

Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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Save the date ...

... For the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch

October 24, 2014

Schools across the Great Lakes region will simultaneously take a bite of a locally grown apple in celebration of National Farm to School Month, Food Day, and delicious local food! Stay tuned for more details and promotional resources.



■ Happy Back-to-School!



Welcome to the 2014-2015 AmeriCorps Farm to School members! For more information on the AmeriCorps Farm to School Program, click [here](#).

New Resources



Release of the National Farm to School Network Evaluation Framework

This week the National Farm to School Network is proud to announce the release of a pioneering and highly anticipated new resource, [Evaluation for Transformation: A Cross Sectoral Evaluation Framework for Farm to School](#). Evaluation for Transformation is the first comprehensive resource that defines the full spectrum of outcomes farm to school can achieve across multiple sectors and offers guidelines and common language to measure and document those outcomes. In addition to Evaluation for Transformation, we've also created a user guide, a Public Health Sectoral Brief, a Community Economic Development Sectoral Brief, an Education Sectoral Brief, and an Environmental Quality Sectoral Brief. All of these resources can be downloaded from our [website](#).

[Free Farm to Childcare Curriculum Package from IATP](#)

Here is a great resource for childcare centers: the Farm to Childcare Curriculum Package is free to download and has great activity ideas and other resources for starting a Farm to School program at your site.

Picking
blueberries with
the Bayfield
AmeriCorps
Farm to School
program.



Webinars, Conferences and Events

National Good Food Network

[Putting Local on the Menu: Five Best Practices and a Cost Calculator Training - an NGFN webinar](#)

When: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, September 4

[Farm to School in Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2015](#)

For the last year, National Farm to School Network (NFSN) has been engaging in dialogue with partners and gathering information on how farm to school can be lifted up in the 2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Please join NFSN in a conversation about specific opportunities to support farm to school in CNR2015, and how you can partner in this effort in the coming months.

When: 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 9

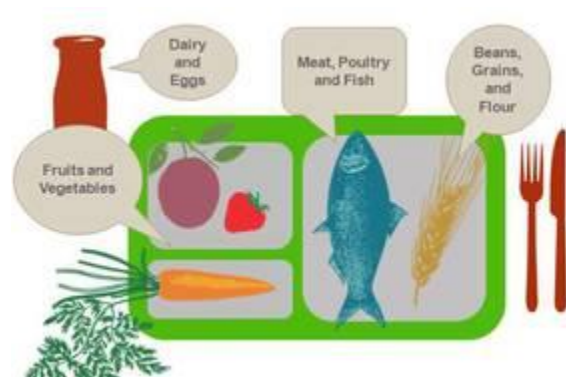
Food Research and Action Center Webinars

Breakfast Matters

[Community Eligibility: What's Next?](#)

Join us to take stock of how CEP implementation is looking for this school year and to learn how to boost participation by more eligible schools next school year. We will discuss new resources on E-rate, state Title I guidance and improving identified student percentages.

When: 3 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, September 11



["Supporting School Nutrition: New Research and State Policy Action"](#)

The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA) was passed in 2010, but it continues to heavily influence school nutrition environments as USDA promulgates the regulations. Join NASBE as we discuss what states and school districts can expect under the new HHFKA school breakfast and school

fundraising guidelines that start this school year.

When: 1 to 2 p.m. September 16

Afterschool Meals Matter

[Engaging Afterschool Networks and Ideas for Enrichment Activities](#)

Nearly every state in the nation now has Afterschool Networks dedicated to creating and supporting quality programming for children when the school day ends. Learn how to connect with your state's Afterschool Network and how it can assist you in developing the activities offered at your afterschool meal sites. Also hear from meal program sponsors and advocates about creative enrichment activities they are offering at their sites at little to no cost.

When: 2 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, September 17

Farm to School Funding Opportunities

[Alliant Energy Community Grants Program](#)

Due: September 15, 2014

This program funds a variety of projects, including school gardens, which benefit the residents and communities of the three Midwestern states served by Alliant Energy's utility subsidiaries.

[Wisconsin School Garden Grants](#)

Due: Oct. 20, 2014

Wisconsin School Garden Grants from the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation offer funding to public elementary or middle schools in Wisconsin. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000.



Cranberries are ripening in Wisconsin. The native berries are Wisconsin's No. 1 fruit crop.

Farm to School Job Openings

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services Position](#)

The Department of Health Services' Chronic Disease Prevention Unit is recruiting for an Early Childhood Health and Wellness Consultant.

[FALL Farm2School Intern/Volunteer Position \(Wisconsin\)](#)

Fall Semester 2014 Start Date: Early September 2014

Timing: 10-15 hours per week

Please email your resume, a list of three references and their contact information, and a cover letter to Francie Szostak at wellspringeducation@gmail.com

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